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LOK SABHA

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ANNOUNCED BY IOCL
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation Limited has announced scholarships for students all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of this scholarship scheme and number of students likely to be benefited; and

(c) the details of the selection criteria of such students by IOCL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) announced in August, 2003, grant of 250 scholarships for students of 10 plus/ Industrial Training Institute (ITI) courses and 100 scholarships for engineering, MBBS and MBA courses for the academic year 2003-04.

Under the scheme for 10 plus/ITI courses, the scholarships would be awarded at the rate of Rs.1,000/- per month for a period of two years to the students pursuing these courses, and these scholarships will be distributed over the four regions of the country, the north-eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Under the scheme for graduate and post-graduate students, the scholarships, which would be awarded on all India merit basis, will carry an amount of Rs.2,000/- per month for all the four years for Engineering and Medical courses and two years for Business Administration/ Management Courses.

In both the schemes, 50% scholarships have been reserved for students belonging to the Scheduled Caste(SC)/ Scheduled Tribe(ST)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)In each scheme/category/sub-category, 25% of the scholarship will be earmarked for girl students and 10% for physically challenged students.

The selection criteria for the scholars include the following :-

(i) Minimum eligibility marks in the qualifying examination is 65% for candidates in the general category, 60% for SC/ST/OBC/girls and 50% for physically challenged candidates.

(ii) Joint income of the family from all sources during the financial year 2002-03 should not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh, with preference to the candidates whose family annual income is not more than Rs.60,000/-.

(iii) The age limit for selection is minimum 15 years and maximum 30 years as on 1.9.2003.

(iv) Wards of the employees of IOCL, its joint ventures and subsidiaries and ABC Assessment Services, who are consultants for the Scheme, are not eligible to apply.